

NCDOT Rail Division

# The Rail Report



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## Grant Applications Open for Short Line Infrastructure Projects

The Rail Division has opened an opportunity to receive grant applications from North Carolina's short line railroads for projects under the Short Line Infrastructure Assistance Program. The matching grants will be awarded as part of the N.C. Department of Transportation's Freight Rail and Rail Crossing Safety Improvement program (FRRCSI).

FRRCSI supports rail infrastructure health, safety and performance throughout the state, enabling NCDOT to partner with rail companies on improvement projects. This partnership helps railroads meet customer needs in an efficient and cost-effective manner while preparing them for growing service demands and partnerships with new businesses and industries across the state.

Candidate projects are evaluated based on cost-benefit and merit, and grant awards are determined based on comparative project rankings.

Short line grants under FRRCSI provide up to fifty percent of the project cost, and are matched by equal or greater funding from the applicant. **The deadline for returning completed project applications is 5 p.m., March 26 through NCDOT's Partner Connect site ([EBS Portal](#)).**

The department continues to enjoy a strong partnership with North Carolina short line railroads. These mutually funded projects enhance the longevity and reliability of the statewide railroad network, promote economic growth, and preserve the state's highway system by putting freight on rail.



### FRRCSI Investments in Freight Rail Since 2014

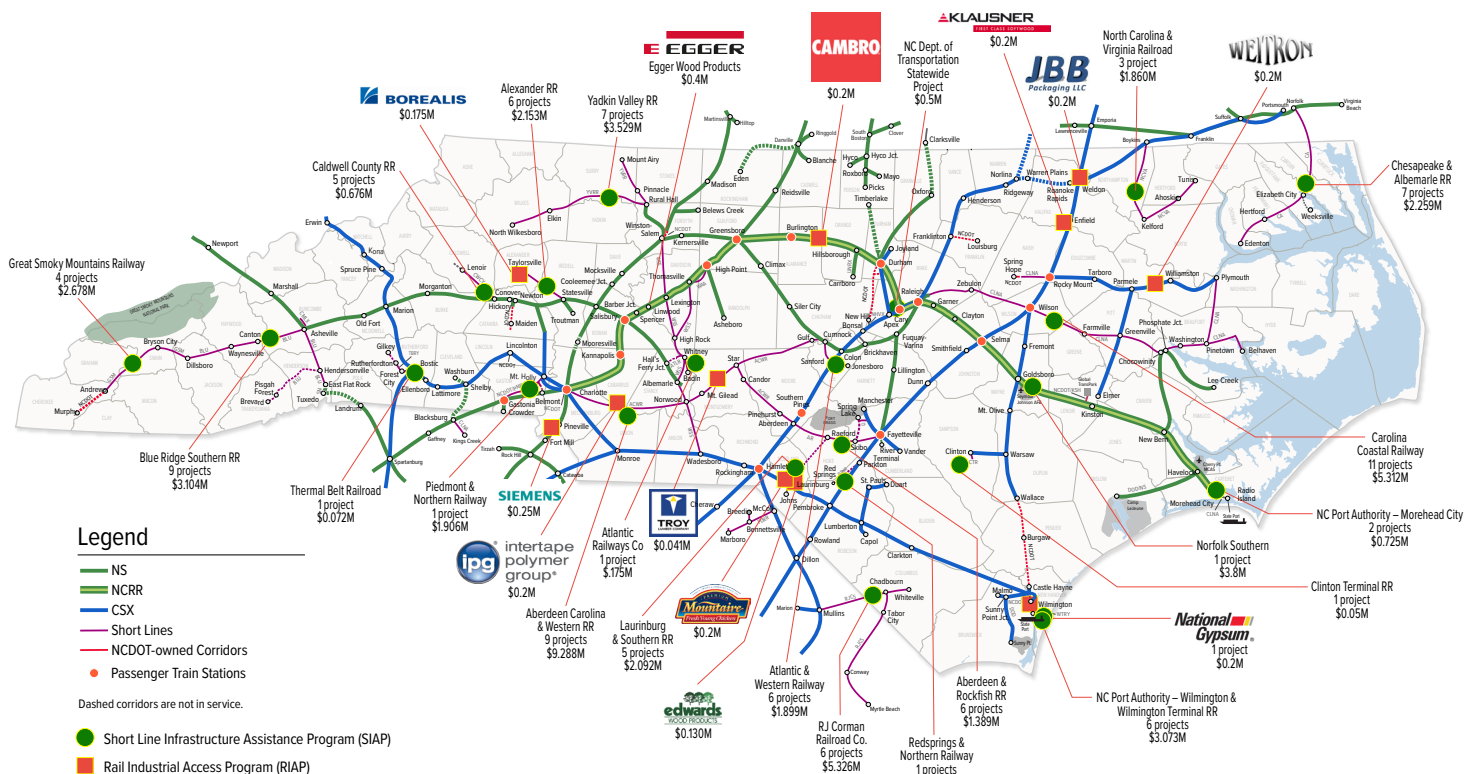




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# Piedmont Trains 77 and 78 Resume Regular Schedules on April 5

*Carolinian* trains 79 and 80 have consistently been among the best performing trains in the nation for ridership recovery during the pandemic. In addition, *Piedmont* trains 73, 74, 75 and 76 are in service between Raleigh and Charlotte and the stops in between, providing safe, essential transportation. With trains 77 and 78 resuming regularly scheduled service in April, NC By Train passengers will be back at pre-pandemic service levels.

Masks are required both onboard trains and in stations and enhanced cleaning procedures and social distancing measures are in place to ensure the safety of our passengers.



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## Piedmont & Carolinian Schedules

73 Piedmont	75 Piedmont	77* Piedmont	79 Carolinian		80 Carolinian	74 Piedmont	76 Piedmont	78* Piedmont
6:30 AM	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	RALEIGH, NC	10:05 AM	1:41 PM	6:26 PM	10:11 PM
6:42 AM	10:12 AM	3:12 PM	5:43 PM	CARY, NC	9:47 AM	1:23 PM	6:08 PM	9:53 PM
7:02 AM	10:32 AM	3:32 PM	6:09 PM	DURHAM, NC	9:27 AM	1:03 PM	5:48 PM	9:33 PM
7:38 AM	11:08 AM	4:08 PM	6:46 PM	BURLINGTON, NC	8:46 AM	12:24 PM	5:09 PM	8:54 PM
8:03 AM	11:33 AM	4:33 PM	7:19 PM	GREENSBORO, NC	8:24 AM	12:03 PM	4:48 PM	8:33 PM
8:19 AM	11:49 AM	4:49 PM	7:32 PM	HIGH POINT, NC	8:02 AM	11:44 AM	4:29 PM	8:14 PM
8:53 AM	12:23 PM	5:23 PM	8:06 PM	SALISBURY, NC	7:28 AM	11:11 AM	3:56 PM	7:41 PM
9:09 AM	12:39 PM	5:39 PM	8:23 PM	KANNAPOLIS, NC	7:10 AM	10:55 AM	3:40 PM	7:25 PM
9:40 AM	1:10 PM	6:10 PM	8:56 PM	CHARLOTTE, NC	6:45 AM	10:30 AM	3:15 PM	7:00 PM

\*Service for *Piedmont* trains 77 & 78 will resume April 5.

Trains 73, 74, 75, 76, 79 & 80 are operating on normal schedules.



## Charlotte Gateway Station – Phase I Construction Update



*Trade Street looking south toward the block that will be the primary station area for the City's mixed-use development*



*Construction of baggage ramp*

The Rail Division is leading the planning, design and construction of Charlotte Gateway Station Phase 1. The City of Charlotte is leading the effort for Phase 2 with developer Gateway Partners for the large mixed use development and station.

The Phase I project is targeted for completion in 2023. The scope includes building bridges to support passenger rail tracks, a center island level-boarding platform, plus railroad track and signals.



Charlotte Gateway Station – Phase I Construction Update continued



Pouring concourse foundation

CCX Construction Update, Rocky Mount

[CSX]



Construction is ongoing at the Carolina Connector (CCX) intermodal terminal in Edgecombe County. Work on assembling the large electric wide span cranes has begun.

Terminal site looking south